



## Centre for Conservation and Research (CCR) in Sri Lanka [www.ccrsl.org](http://www.ccrsl.org)

**CCR conducts scientific research to provide information necessary for better environmental conservation and management. CCR also offers advice and assistance when people and elephants come into conflict.**

CCR was founded in 2004 with the idea of supporting species conservation with more research. Too many unanswered questions repeatedly cause well-intentioned conservation projects to fail. Since 2004 CCR has patiently collected data in a unique way, especially on Asian elephants. But CCR's efforts today include not only research, but also advisory work and much hands-on fieldwork.

### Activities of CCR

- Asian elephant research projects:
  - Study of social organisation of Asian elephants
  - Monitor elephant populations by keeping track of their body condition and demography
  - Island-wide distribution survey, now being repeated after 10 years
  - Tracking elephants with GPS collar to study their movements
  - Smaller research projects on other animals of Sri Lanka
- Elephant conservation, in particular:
  - Consultation with affected people in village communities
  - Consultation at government level
  - Consultation for agricultural use and construction projects
- Promoting permanent and temporary electric fences as a human-elephant conflict mitigating tool
  - Work with village communities to put up permanent village fences
  - Work with farmer societies to construct seasonal fences around their paddy fields
  - Train government agencies to erect such fences on a large scale
- Awareness program to sensitise the general public and government agencies
- Supervision of students
- Publications
  - Scientific publications
  - Media work (articles in English / Sinhalese / German)
  - Reports on various topics
  - Help in publishing Gajah, the journal of the IUCN SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group



## ALIYA association, wildlife conservation and research in Asia

[www.aliya-artenschutz.ch](http://www.aliya-artenschutz.ch)

**ALIYA supports projects, organisations and events which are active in wildlife conservation on a scientific basis.**

**We primarily support the Centre for Conservation and Research (CCR) in Sri Lanka** in their research activities and efforts in saving the Asian elephant in Sri Lanka, in the mitigation of conflicts between humans and these animals.

### Activities of ALIYA

- Information (mainly via website, newsletter, Facebook and Instagram):
  - Publication of selected research articles and summaries in German
  - Information about activities, results and successes of CCR Sri Lanka
  - Information on animal species, national parks and research projects in Sri Lanka
- Support of CCR Sri Lanka in terms of finances and material procurement
- Cooperation with Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW):
  - Biannual lectures as part of the module "Wildlife Management"